

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 10-50 are currently pending in the application. Claims 3, 11, 16-17, and 23 have been amended. New claims 31-50 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 10-22 have been indicated as allowable. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully points out that claims 3, 11, and 16-17 have been amended to correct typographical errors. These claim amendments are not made for any reason related to any statutory requirements for patentability.

Claims 23-24, 27-28, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,366,243 to Isohäätä et al. ("Isohäätä"). Independent claim 23 relates to an antenna. Applicant respectfully submits that Isohäätä fails to teach or suggest at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 1, namely, a first conducting portion and a second conducting portion electromagnetically coupled to the first conducting portion.

Isohäätä discloses a planar antenna comprising a planar radiating element formed of a conductive area confined within a substantially continuous border line. The conductive area is split by a by a non-conductive gap which divides the planar radiating element into a first branch and a second branch such that both the first and the second branch have an outermost end. In contrast to claim 1, Isohäätä disclose a single piece planar radiating element forming a conductive area confined by a continuous border line but fails to teach or suggest a first conducting portion and a second conducting portion electromagnetically coupled to each other as claimed. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 23 distinguishes over Isohäätä and respectfully requests that the rejection thereof be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 24, 27-28, and 30 depend from and further restrict independent claim 23 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 23, dependent claims 24, 27-28, and 30 distinguish over Isohäätä and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 24, 27-28, and 30 is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-26 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isohätälä in view of Applicant's Prior Art Figure 2 ("Prior Art"). Dependent claims 25-26 and 29 depend from and further restrict independent claim 23 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 23, dependent claims 25-26 and 29 distinguish over Isohätälä and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 25-26 and 29 is respectfully requested.

New claim 31-47 depend from and further restrict independent claim 23 in a patentable sense. New claims 48-50 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Claims 31-50 are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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